

of said visual scene, and suspending and preventing an additional visual scene from being captured so that buffered scenes are preserved.

The triggering of the preservation of buffered scenes can also be accomplished by any combination of software mechanisms, firmware mechanisms, and/or hardware mechanisms. The firmware or software mechanisms will have programmable logic instructions that fire off a signal in response to an external event. The hardware mechanisms comprise at least one sensor (i.e. sensor 50) capable of detecting a physical event, wherein said physical event can be any combination of a physical impact, sudden changes in momentum, acceleration or sound wave amplitude patterns, shock wave and manual activation.

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In addition, sound waves are captured in synchronization with a captured visual scene, the captured sound waves are buffered using a first-in-first-out mechanism in the same manner as for a visual scene; and the then buffered sound waves can be preserved for a predetermined period of time before and after an incident as a result of a manual or automatically detected triggering/external event. - -

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10, 17 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows: